



SP Jerry Shook



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Birthday Wishes

11/ 3 James Peace PSP 2004-2005
11/12 Nelson Navarra PSP 1991-1992

Elks Training Tests Available

The Elks Training Test for 2014-15 are now available, on-line, at nyselks.org.

Texas Roadhouse A Success

The event for Major Projects at the Texas Roadhouse on Wolf Rd. in Albany was a huge success! Although it was on a Thursday, the staff said the crowd was better than a Saturday night! Thanks to NorthEast District for setting this up!

Ritual Clinic in Homer

There will be a GL Ritual Clinic in Homer NY on Nov. 15. Homer is less than 30 miles south of Syracuse on I-81. The lodge is at the Homer exit off I-81 on Cortlandt St. The Impressiveness Clinic will start at 9 AM, with the live team at 1 PM. Word Accuracy and Computer will follow. See nyselks.org under News for details and maps.

Drug Awareness Contests

The dates given at the conference were for the National Essay and Poster contest. If you wish to be considered for those awards, you need to have them to Chair Jeff Drake by those dates.

We also have a state competition with the dates as last year. All lodge winners should be to your District Chairs by February 15, 2015 and the district selections should be to Jeff Drake by March 15, 2015.

Awards will be the same as last year:

- ▲ 1st - \$250
- ▲ 2nd - \$150
- ▲ 3rd - \$50

This is for all categories of both the essay and poster contests! We need to forward this to our lodges ASAP! Many are waiting for this information.

Jeff Drake
State Drug Awareness

Fall Conference Highlights

Bowling

Bowling Tournament is set for March 21-22, 28-29, April 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26 in Watervliet. Bids for the 2018 Bowling Tournament are due by April 1, 2015. Future tournaments are:

- 2016 Vestal
- 2017 Guilderland

TIPS Training On-Line

Anyone who serves alcohol in a licensed establishment should take TIPS training and receive their certification at tipsalcohol.com.

MP Camp for Kids

Advisory Board looking into possible Camp for Kids, possible uses, looking for ideas-contact PSP Noonan, Capella, Wunder, Bloss, Treasurer Maddock, DD Olivieri.

Scholarship Changes

The PGER scholarships will now require submitting lodge to achieve per capita; if no special merit scholarship submitted in a district, may go to another district.

Veterans

Veteran Volunteer of the Year letter of application to Herb Flint by February 1.

Empire State Elk

Editor is Tim Welpel, fall edition in the mail, winter electronic edition Dec 15.

Ritual

Bath 1547 came in third in Eastern Division with 96.437; we have 43 floor judges, 41 word and 20 computer judges. Area 1 Roulette cancelled.

SP Homecoming

SP Shook will have his homecoming April 18 at the Desmond in Albany NY. Details to follow shortly.

Youth Activities

Jr. Golf in Rotterdam Aug 9-10 great! Dictionary Project-media coverage Student/Teen of Month/Year-praise Eagle Scout -GER Letter of Congrats. Youth-Veteran – connect at parades ENF Grants – some go unused Antlers-for youth 12-20, elks.org link Soccer-Oct 5-6 Regional Shoots State – Oct 26 hosted by Oswego 271

In Vain We Call...

Leroy Arber, PER of Lancaster #1478, PDD of West District, died September 18. Donations may be made to the Elks National Foundation, C/O Paul Welker, ENF Chair, Lancaster Elks Lodge #1478, 33 Legion Pkwy, Lancaster, NY 14086. Condolences to MaryAnn Arber, 77 Brewster, Depew, NY 14043.

Joel W. Johnson, PER and LM of Albion 1006 and Brockport 2110, PSVP of West Central District, died October 3. Donations to NYS Major Projects.

SP Shook Travel Schedule

Visit	Date
Northeast	October 17-19
North Central	October 24-26
West	Oct 31, Nov 1-2
Southwest	November 7-9
Southern Tier	December 4-6
South	December 12-14
Central	December 19-21
West Central	Jan 30-31, Feb 1
Ontario	February 13-15
East Central	February 20-22
Southeast	Feb 27-28, Mar 1
Bowling Tournament	March 27-29
SP Homecoming	April 18
East	May 1-3
State Convention	May 29-31

Spring Conventon

The 103rd Spring Convention will be held at the Radisson, 120 E. Main, Rochester NY on May 28-31.

Internet

The lodge internet contest was won by Johnson City 2821, with Clifton Park 2466 in second place. Discussion about the use of color, pictures, keeping the website up-to-date, should have a link to their district, state and national website. Workshop notes available at nyselks.org.